



Preparatory Training for CSDP Mission Staff (14-15/33)

The EU Training Policy on Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) states that all mission personnel should receive pre-deployment training (PDT). This principle should therefore be applied to both seconded and international contracted staff.

European Security and Defence College, with its network institutions, has developed a curriculum for preparatory training for CSDP missions. This standardised curriculum can later on constitute the required "common foundation of the PDT" as stated in the CSDP Lessons Learned Report 2013.

The overall objective of this course is to make the management culture of Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) missions more uniform and to ensure that future mission members are equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to be operational and adapt to the new working environment as quickly as possible.

The course is open to civilian and police personnel from EU Member States and from CSDP missions. The course is also open to third countries which second personnel to CSDP missions. It is primarily aimed at personnel already selected for a CSDP mission.

Applications (standard CSDP mission application forms) are to be sent to:
secretariat-esdc@eeas.europa.eu by seconding authorities or CSDP missions.

The course includes eLearning, amounting to about 16 hours of the student work-load. Completion of eHEST forms part of this and is a pre-requisite for the course.

A series of multi-mission pre-deployment training sessions are taking place in Brussels on:

- **3-6 February, organiser FBA (deadline for registrations 20 January)**
- **17-20 March, organiser Scuola Superiore St Anna (deadline 27 February)**
- **14-17 April, organiser ZIF (deadline 27 March)**
- **17-22 May, organiser CMC (in Finland)**
- **15-18 June, organiser CEP**

Further information available from secretariat-esdc@eeas.europa.eu and in Schoolmaster

